Summary: According to the 2018 mid-year population estimates produced by the Office for National Statistics, Rushmoor has a younger age profile than the average for both Hampshire and England.

The population pyramid below shows the age profile of Rushmoor in comparison with both the national and Hampshire averages, from the 2018 mid-year population estimates produced by the Office for National Statistics.

(Source: Office for National Statistics
https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/populationandmigration/populationestimates/datasets/populationestimatesforukenglandandwalescottlandandnorthernireland)
The population pyramid shows that the Borough has a younger population than both Hampshire and England. 67.1% of Rushmoor’s population is under 50, compared to 58.0% in Hampshire and 63.0% in England. This may be due to the transient nature of the army population, where young people move in and out of the Borough.

**Median age**

The 2018 mid-year population estimates show that Rushmoor has a median age of 38.3 years, this compares to 44.3 years for Hampshire and 39.9 years for England.

**Ageing population**

The Office for National Statistics produces Sub-National Population Projections. The current 2016 figures project the population to 2041. The projections are not forecasts and do not take any account of future government policies, changing economic circumstances or the capacity of an area to accommodate the change in population. The following chart shows the percentage of people in each age group of the population in 2016 compared with the projected population in 2041.

(Source: ONS Sub-nation population projects
http://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/populationandmigration/populationprojections/datasets/localauthoritiesinenglandtable2)
The projection shows that in 2016 13.9% of the population is over 65 (13,900 people), this is projected to rise to 22.7% by 2041 (22,500 people). This compares to 17.9% of England’s and 20.9% of Hampshire’s population being over 65 in 2016, this is projected to rise to 24.2% in England and 29.3% in Hampshire by 2041.

The projection also shows that in 2016 0.7% of the population is over 90 (700 people), and this is projected to rise to 1.7% by 2041 (1,700 people). This compares to 0.9% of England’s and 1.1% of Hampshire’s population being over 90 in 2016, this is projected to rise to 2.0% in England and 2.8% in Hampshire by 2041.

This data would suggest that although Rushmoor has a younger population at the moment it will age to be closer to the average for England by 2041, but Rushmoor will still be a younger population than Hampshire.